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New Michigan Press announces the release of Khaty Xiong's lovely new poetry chapbook, Deer Hour.

Here's just an excerpt from Lo Kwa Mei-en's blurb: "Luminous and feral, Deer Hour is part creation documentary of the worlds we build for ourselves with language, part elegy for the fact that it is impossible to generate closure without enclosure. Here, as in other crucial, contemporary poetics, the acts of speaking and writing are not halves of a pristine poetic whole, but yearning, expressive portions that remain troubled by the absence of a bearable relationship to the world. The resulting work is of an important new perspective that would liberate us from the dualism of what is sayable and free us into an argument about what is livable. Read this book if you have ever contemplated the institution of civilization, known the love of language, or taken one step toward the wild and opened your eyes."


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Yes! We love you, Khaty Xiong! Send me [ ] copies of Deer Hour at $9 per copy + $2 for postage (in USA). I've enclosed cash or a check/money order made out to New Michigan Press. Please send my book(s) to:

An Excerpt from Deer Hour:

In this valley we begin
the gesture of clashing—

ghosts to tend our treasons

For every deer hour
you sound
from the north—

untouch my calm...
In this weather

we hide
in its plainness—

vanishing—white—
& burning—

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